

# E-HAPPENINGS

## WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

September 2012

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **Project Graduate Helps Prepare Students for College Success**

Incoming students at WNC are the first to benefit from a new initiative: Project Graduate. The three-step guidance and academic support plan was created to increase student success rates.



"It's changed our admissions process and our entire counseling and advising processes," said Deb Case, director of Counseling Services. WNC has also identified students who need additional preparation and support in English and mathematics. Students received grant-funded enrichment during the summer as preparation for college classes.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-08-27a.php>

At left, a student mentor assists a new student with registration.

#### **Lyon County Leaders Advocate Shared Funding for Rural Colleges**

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners has endorsed the value of partnerships by passing a resolution advocating for continued funding of Nevada's community college system, and future funding for rural community colleges, including WNC. During its August meeting, the board passed a resolution supporting the idea that local governments, citizens and state legislators should work alongside community college officials to create funding methods, as an alternative to reducing funds or transferring state funding to local and county governments. Besides WNC, the resolution will be directed to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, the Nevada Association of Counties, and Great Basin College in Elko.

#### **Encourage Students to Avoid Costly Class Withdrawals**

The cost of not completing a course has gone way up for students, and WNC faculty and staff are mounting a campaign encouraging students to stick with their classes and earn their credits toward a degree, certification, or university transfer.

"Don't Quit! Give Yourself Some Credit" encourages students to seek help with their studies as soon as they have a problem, and asks faculty to speak to students and offer suggestions. Students may obtain a fee refund for a full-term class only if they drop by the fifth day of the term. They may withdraw themselves from a full-term course only through the ninth week of a class, and if they do drop themselves, their instructor may no longer issue a withdrawal grade. This means that not completing courses is more likely to result in a failing grade, jeopardizing student financial assistance and their progress toward graduation or transfer. <http://www.wnc.edu/studentservices/asc/>



## COLLEGE CORNER



**NEW DIGS** - Students are already enjoying the new furniture that has spruced up hallways and study nooks in the Cedar Building and Reynold's Center for Technology at the Carson City campus.

### New Academic Faculty Members Head for Class

As the new fall term begins, the college welcomes several academic faculty members who have joined WNC in 2012 to fill crucial vacancies. Dr. Robert Whitcomb is the most recent, arriving in time to teach business courses this fall. He hails from Haines, Alaska, where he retired as director of Human Resources and Organizational Development for the Chilkoot Indian Association, a Native Sovereign Nation there.

"I had worked at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. for more than 20 years and found I really missed the opportunity to work with students and communities," Whitcomb said. "I saw WNC as a great opportunity to help rebuild our leadership bench." He has held faculty and administrative positions in Wisconsin and Maine, including serving as dean of the graduate school at Thomas College in



Dr. Robert Whitcomb

Waterville, Maine. Several other full-time faculty members joined the college during the spring 2012 term, but were officially welcomed last week. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-08-29a.php>



### Faculty and Staff Receive Peer, Team Awards

Numerous faculty and staff members were recognized during Welcome Back Week for their efforts and dedication at WNC during the 2011-12 academic year.

Honored as the Outstanding Academic Faculty Member of the Year was Dr. Thomas Herring, who teaches physics and serves as chair of the college Curriculum Committee. Academic counselor JW Lazzari received the Outstanding Administrative Faculty

Member of the Year Award, and John March in Central Receiving/Mail Services was named the Classified Employee of the Year.

Additionally, the Administrative Services Leadership Team, (pictured) was named the President's Team of the Year. Members include Dan Neverett (chair), Michelle Bertocchi, Brian Crowe, Darla Dodge, Andrea Doran, Anne Hansen, Brenda Kolling, Coral Lopez, Jack Piirainen, Dave Rollings, Susan Schoeffler, and Ken Sullivan.

## ASWN To Welcome Back Students

To celebrate the return of students for fall classes, the Associated Students of Western Nevada College is planning a Mardi Gras-style welcome celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at WNC Carson City. Students will enjoy lunch or dinner, along with giveaways and club activities. At Fallon and Douglas campuses, welcome back gift packets will be distributed to students. (2011 event at right) <http://www.wnc.edu/clubs/aswn/>



## FREE College E-Waste Recycling Event Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 18-20

WNC students, faculty and staff can participate in a free E-Waste Recycling Event Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 18-20, at the Carson campus. Drop off items behind the Andy Butti Welding Technology Building only at the following times: Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8-10 a.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4-6 p.m.; and Thursday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Items being accepted for recycling include computer monitors with computer, CD players, clocks, cellphones, DVD player keyboards, microphones, laptop CPUs, gaming consoles, microwave ovens, stereos, telephones and radios. Among the items NOT ALLOWED are televisions, a computer monitor without computer, broken tubes

and screens, and cathode ray tubes. The event was made possible by the WNC Sustainability Committee and Sims Recycling Solutions of Sparks. "Be Green, Be Responsible."



Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs Connie Capurro, seated, and programmer/analyst Troy Wadsworth activated 25Live with a simple mouse click.

## 25LIVE to Enhance Information Flow Through the College

'25Live', a web-based scheduling and event-publishing platform, is now helping faculty and staff stay informed of events and activities going on at the three Western Nevada College campuses. The new software package allows WNC to have one centralized online calendar, scheduling system and data repository for events. The goal: to provide more accurate and timely information. 25Live allows users to customize searches and enables planners to streamline scheduling.



## **Douglas Campus Brightens its Look**

WNC Douglas campus has been treated to some improvements over the summer. A new sign and new building lettering offer additional visibility from both directions on Bently Parkway and for those walking to the entrance of Bently Hall.



## **IN THE ARTS**

### **"Hello, Dolly!" Cast in Place for November Production**



Broadway musical fans have nine chances to watch Jerry Herman's exuberant classic, "Hello, Dolly!" in November at the Carson City Community Center. The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company cast includes Dianne Hale as Dolly, Kirk Gardner as Vandergelder, Matt Coogan as Cornelius, Monica Ricketts as Irene Molloy, Gene Sitts as Barnaby and Melody Ricketts as Minnie Fay.

Buy tickets: 775-445-4249 or at [www.wnmtc.com](http://www.wnmtc.com). Show times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 and 2 p.m. Nov. 4, 11, 17 and 18.

*Event Sept. 21-22 Features Award Winning Author Tim O'Brien*

### **'Always Lost' Exhibition to Show at Sierra NV College**

WNC's compelling and remarkable exhibition, "Always Lost, A Meditation on War," will be on display September 13-23 at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village's Prim Library, as part of SNC's Writers in the Woods series. The multimedia exhibit features poetry, prose, Pulitzer Prize winning photos, and the Wall of the Dead, a photographic collage of the thousands of American soldiers who have died in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. It ties into a free event on September 21-22 featuring author, journalist and Vietnam War veteran Tim O'Brien. His novel, "The Things They Carried," about his experiences as an infantryman, was a Pulitzer Prize finalist and was the book chosen by the college as a 'Community Read'.



### **Lone Mountain Writers Seeking Literary Submissions**

Literary works are being accepted for the 2013 Lone Mountain Writers art exhibition, "Truth is Beauty: The Keatsian Eye," at Western Nevada College. Submissions may include poetry and prose, and there is no fee associated with submitting work. (However, authors will be assessed \$10 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page of material that is accepted into the exhibition). The theme is "Seeing Truth in the Strange, the Discarded and the Wounded." Submit work to curator Trishia Haahr at [trishiah26@yahoo.com](mailto:trishiah26@yahoo.com) by Monday, Nov. 19. The literary/photographic exhibit will open in late January or early February at WNC.

### **Autumn Craft Fair Invites Vendors**

The college's Classified Employee Council invites vendors for the sixth annual WNC Craft Fair, Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Bristlecone Building lobby. Info: 445-3240.

# WILDCATS ATHLETICS

## Softball Program Fills Out Coaching Staff



Bethany  
Henry-Herman

Bethany Henry-Herman's blood runs Wildcat blue. As such, she is continuing her important role as a volunteer coach for the 2013 season. The softball program has a complete staff in place, Head Coach Leah Wentworth said. Henry-Herman will focus on infield and outfield defense. Her team also includes assistants Sam Herceg and Rosie Contri, and volunteer Lloyd Capra, who has helped with the program since it began.

The Wildcats will play fall home scrimmages on Saturday, Sept. 15, against Shasta College and on Saturday, Sept. 22, against the USA Elite 18U Gold team. Games are at Edmonds Sports Complex in Carson City. Times will be announced. <http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/softball/>

## Baseball Welcomes Alums to Coaching Staff

Wildcats Coach D.J. Whittemore's staff for the 2013 baseball season has a familiar look to it. Two former standout Wildcats players, Josh Moody and Logan Parsley, have returned as assistant coaches, along with former Division I player Garrett Yrigoyen.



"There's lots of new energy in the program," Whittemore said. "It's going to be fun, and I'm looking forward to it."

Moody was a 2008 draft pick of the Atlanta Braves who pitched for WNC in 2008-09, then continued as a student athlete at Arizona State University. Parsley was an outfielder for WNC in 2007-08 and a key member of the Wildcats' first JUCO World Series team. Yrigoyen was a three-year third baseman at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Wildcats will scrimmage at home against teams from Idaho on September 8-9, Feather River College on September 14 and 28, Solano College on September 30 and Sierra College on October 5.

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/>

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, Sept. 3:** Labor Day Holiday, college closed.

**Thursday, Sept. 6, 10 am-2 pm** American Association of University Women information table in Bristlecone Bldg. lobby, Carson, with prospective member info.

**Thursday, Oct. 4:** Shout Night, Town Hall Discussion: 6-8 p.m. Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, WNC Carson City.

**Thursday, Nov. 1:** Open Mic Night, 6-8 pm, Dini Student Center, WNC Carson City

**Weekends, Nov. 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 4, 11, 17 and 18, 2 p.m.:** "Hello, Dolly!" musical theatre at the Carson City Community Center

**Thursday, Nov. 29:** Poetry Share'm, 6-8 p.m., Dini Student Center, WNC Carson.